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Draft Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) 2009-19

Submission form

PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR SUBMISSION

The public consultation period is from Tuesday 10 March 2009 to Thursday 16 April 2009.

It will help us if you clearly:

- state the issue you want the Council to consider;
- state what specific action you think the Council should take, and
- state why that should be done.
- type or use black ink for your submission.

Please note: We are legally required to make all written or electronic submissions available to the public and to Councillors, including the name and address of the submitter. In making submissions available to the public, the submissions will be posted electronically on the Council's website. Information will be available to the public subject to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. If you consider there to be compelling reasons why your contact details and/or submission should be kept confidential, you should contact the Council Support Team, telephone 941 8999.

You may send us your submission:

On the internet:

You may enter your submission using the form provided on the Council's website at www.ccc.govt.nz

By email:

ccc-plan@ccc.govt.nz

Please make sure that your full name and address is included with your submission.

By mail:

(no stamp is required) to:

Freepost 178
Draft LTCCP
Christchurch City Council
PO Box 237
Christchurch 8140

No anonymous submissions will be accepted. Whether you use this form or not, you must provide your full name, address and telephone number. If you are submitting on behalf of an organisation please state this and your role within that organisation.

Submissions must be received (NOT postmarked) at the Tuam Street Civic Offices no later than 5pm on Thursday 16 April 2009. To ensure receipt, hand deliver last-minute submissions to the Civic Offices, 163-173 Tuam Street.

Your submission

If you wish, you can present your submission at a hearing. If that is the case, please tick the appropriate box below. The hearings will be held from 11 May 2009 to 18 May 2009. Five to ten minutes will be allocated for speaking to your submission, including time for questions from the Councillors. The Council will confirm the date and time of your hearing in writing, by email or by telephone call.

I do NOT wish to discuss my submission at the hearing, and ask that this written submission be considered

OR

I wish to discuss the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Monday 11 May 2009 and Monday 18 May 2009.

Are you completing this submission: For yourself On behalf of a group or organisation

If you are representing a group or organisation, how many people do you represent?

90
given those overseas or absent temporarily on most occasions, no more than 60 present.

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Please be as specific as possible to help us understand your views.

What do you want the Council to consider? What specific action do you think the Council should take?
Why should this be done?

RE : OURUHIA PARK FEES AND CHARGES

For the past 34 years the Ryan Family have met on Boxing Day for a family "get-together", initially at our home in Ilam. As the extended family increased in size over the years the numbers became too many to accomodate at our home, so we decided to go to a public park. We tried Spencer Park (too busy), then the Groynes (water hazard), but then found Ouruhia Park, with its large open space, toilets and no significant dangers for little children.

Four years ago we arrived to find that the entire open space had been fenced off by a low wire rope, preventing car access which was essential in our situation, not only for the conveyance of our own barbeque, picnic tables and chairs but also because some elderly members are disabled and new babies require a sleep in a car in close proximity to the mother.

We usually arrive about 11 am and depart about 4 pm. After lunch the children and adults engage in running races, sack races, egg and spoon races, and three-legged races, concluding with a lolly-scramble for the children. The final exercise is for the children to be supervised in an "emu parade" to gather up and dispose of every single scrap of rubbish. This serves as an annual reminder to everyone that 'wherever they go in a public place, the only thing they leave behind are their footprints'.

Three years ago I rang the Council and was told I could get a key to enable us to gain entry to the grounds. I duly did this and paid a deposit of \$25 which was refunded when I returned the key.

Two years ago I once more rang the Council to request a key but this produced an invoice from the Council in the sum of \$93-00 ! I was informed that this was Council policy. I objected to this charge and it was subsequently wthdrawn.

Last year I was confronted with the same policy and paid a \$50 deposit for the key. The fee was waived but I was told that next year we would have to pay.

I, and many others I have spoken to, consider this Council Policy to be negative, frustrating and unconscionable. Large sums of public funds are expended trying to control car-racers, street violence and other offensive behaviour (the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff), while at the same time your Council frustrates the efforts of those citizens trying to inculcate through their extended families an enduring sense of personal and public decency and responsibility.

I believe there is a simple solution to this impasse and I would be happy to elaborate upon that when discussing my submission at the hearing.

Barbara Ryan
03/04/09